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APPLICANT : Rolando Barbucci)
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of two months until December 4, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action of June 4, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410 to cover the fee is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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